

Powell, Allen & Brickenden, clothing.. 79 38
T. Whiting, caretaker,..... 39 00
J. S. Marshall, livery..... 2 50

Total.....\$371 77

5. The following accounts having been presented, the Board recommend the same to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to liability: Patrick Murtagh, \$30; F. G. Beck, \$17 25; James Curphy, \$30. Total, \$77 25.

6. Your Board recommend that Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, receive sufficient remuneration for his attendance at the smallpox hospital in consideration of the injury done to his private practice in consequence of his attendance on the cases.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Health:

Gentlemen,—

I have the honor to submit the following report upon the sanitary condition of the city of London in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health Act, and respectfully state that with the exception of a few cases of diphtheria in the winter and spring, the health of the city has been unusually good, nevertheless I wish to call the attention of the Board of Health to matters which in some instances are dangerous to the public health.

There are at present in the city a number of people engaged in the business of buying, packing and as sorting rags, and in some of these places the scraping and boiling of bones in addition, which becomes in many cases a nuisance, complaints are continually being made about them, and as it is impossible to keep these places in good sanitary condition, I respectfully suggest that the storing of rags and bone boiling be not allowed within the city limits.

In regard to the disposal of sewage, more especially as the city increases in population and extent, the quantity of solid and fluid excrementitious matter will become numerous.

There are in the city in round numbers about 5,000 privy pits, water closets and latrines, and these in the thickly populated parts of the city make the night air horrible. The fact of them being covered by a few boards and not seen, does not at all lessen their power of doing harm, but let these 5,000 privy pits be thrown into one and people would realize its capacity for doing mischief. In the southern part of the city the land is low, and water is found near the surface; soil of this nature cannot absorb, either solid or fluid organic matter in sufficient quantity to render it innocuous, besides polluting the wells by surface by surface drainage into them, and nothing is more inimical to the health of a community

than water be fouled by decomposing organic or vegetable matter. These evils can be remedied by doing away with the present system of privy pits, and substituting the dry earth, or dry ash system, which is quite as cheap and vastly superior in every way.

I also wish to draw the attention of the Board to the foul condition of many of the wells from which water is used, especially in the third and fifth wards, where numbers of them are filled by surface drainage and are in unwholesome proximity to water closets. It is nonsense to say these wells can be kept clean, for no matter how carefully they are made, toads, worms and other creeping things crawl in and die. There is but one remedy, close up the wells in all places that can be reached by the London Water Works system and compel the people to use this. There is no purer water on the globe than is supplied by Springbank, and if the people were compelled to use it instead of well water, it would sensibly lessen the death rate. If privy pits are to be continued in the city, I would suggest that scavenger carts be employed to remove garbage and not allow it to be thrown into them and back yards. In 1883 the July floods filled up or swept away these abominations, in London West, and that suburb was never as healthy before as it has been since.

On the 4th of October a case of small pox occurred on York Street. This man had been visiting a family in Hamilton, who were ill when he left, four members of which shortly after his leaving them died of small pox, and ten days after his arrival here the disease appeared in him, he was removed to the small pox hospital the same day, the remaining inmates vaccinated, six in number, the house thoroughly disinfected and placed in quarantine, fifteen days after this man had been removed to the hospital, a second was attacked in the same house, undoubtedly contracted from the first, vaccination in his case not having been successful, he was also sent to the hospital, when both cases recovered and were discharged.

Under Sec. 8. Reg. Issued by the Provincial Board of Health in the matter of small pox. Compulsory vaccination has been enforced in the public and separate schools, but not with the general public, stimulated no doubt by the advent of small pox. An unusually large number have been vaccinated by the medical gentlemen appointed for that purpose, aggregating in the five wards about 3,250, many of these were adults, and primary vaccinations, and none were vaccinated who could furnish satisfactory proof of having been done within six years. Under Sec. 8. Reg. Approved September

1885. Compulsory vaccination of adults who have never been vaccinated, will be rigidly enforced.

The building which has been hitherto used as a small pox hospital is now old and dilapidated, more than eight patients could not safely occupy it at the same time it could not be kept warm in winter, is too near the general hospital to be safe, and injury to the ward in which it is situated and altogether unfit for a small pox hospital.

T. V. HURCHINSON,
Medical Health Officer.

Taken up clause by clause. Clause 1 read. Clause carried. Yeas—Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Cowan, King-ton, Browne, Cook, Stringer, Hodgins, Lilley and Toll—2. Nays—Christie and Gardiner—2.

Clauses 2 and 3 passed. Clause 4 read and adopted.

Clauses 4 and five passed, 6 read and adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Browne: Gentlemen,—Your committee appointed at the last meeting of Council to have the obstructions on Colborne, York and Waterloo streets by E. Leonard & Sons, also the east end of the Port Stanley freight shed removed, and also to deal with the communication of H. C. Green re fire bylaw, beg leave to report as follows: 1. That the City Engineer be instructed to make a survey of Colborne and Waterloo streets, giving the exact measurements of the obstructions on the above-named streets, and place the same in the hands of your committee as early as possible, to make arrangements with E. Leonard & Sons (as we have no doubt we can) to remove the causes of complaint on the above-named streets, and report to the Council. 2. That the removal of the fence on York street is unnecessary, as your committee consider that no inconvenience is caused to the general public, but would recommend that a lease of that part of York street, from Colborne to Waterloo, be given to E. Leonard & Sons at a lump sum or yearly rental to be named by the Council, and to have the same as long as it is used by them as at present. 3. Report progress on the freight sheds obstruction. 4. Your committee feel that they cannot offer any recommendation in the case of H. C. Green, re fire limits bylaw, exceptions having been taken to his action; we therefore leave the matter in the hands of the Council to deal with it.

Taken up clause by clause. Clause 1 passed, 2 read.

Mr. Wm. Skinner addressed the council. Ald. Stringer moved in amendment to the clause of the report that Mr. Leonard be allowed to maintain a fence in front of his property on York street on the line of the

boulevard limits, providing he agrees to plant a row of trees in front of the same property, and that he be allowed to use it for a term of ten years. Ald. Hodgins seconded.

Ald. Taylor moved in amendment to the amendment, and Ald. Toll seconded, that the matter be referred back to the committee to arrange with Mr. Leonard with regard to having the street boulevarded in accordance with the bylaw.

Ald. Stringer's amendment carried. Yeas: Ald. Green, O'Meara, Cowan, Brown, Hooke, Christie, Hodgins, Lilly and Gardner. Nays: Ald. Taylor and Toll.

The remaining clauses of the report passed, and the report was adopted as a whole.

MOTIONS.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Watson, that the polling sub-divisions in No. 5 ward be reduced to three for municipal elections. Carried.

Moved by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Watson, that the poll clerks acting at the last election be paid \$4 for their services. Lost.

INQUIRIES.

By Ald. Taylor—Are the old Exhibition Grounds within that part of the city covered by the fire limits bylaw?

Ald. Cowan stated they were, but some discussion arising, the matter was referred to No. 3.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Cowan—1. That this Council grant the free use of Queen's Park for Fair purposes for the period of twenty years, the city reserving the right to use the grounds and buildings (when erected) for park and recreation purposes, when not required for Fair purposes, the same to revert to and become the property of the city at the expiry of the above-mentioned time. 2. That the city, in addition to the land, grant an annual bonus of 2 per cent. on amount expended on suitable buildings, expense of said buildings not to exceed \$75,000; said bonus to be reserved and paid from a fund created by the proceeds arising from the sale of the present Exhibition Grounds and buildings. 3. That in order to have some control over the grant of land and annual bonus, the Council provide that the Fair Board shall be composed of twelve resident ratepayers, six of whom shall be elected annually by the company erecting the buildings, and the Mayor and one alderman in each ward to be elected at the first meeting of the Council of each year, and to be named the "Park and Exhibition Committee." 4. That provided no company is found willing to invest in the erection of suitable buildings, the question of expense and the advisability of the Council erecting same be decided by a vote of the ratepayers entitled to vote at the next municipal election, to be